

BUSINESS FAILURE.

R. Bertram, the Wholesale Grocer.

The business portion of our community was considerably surprised about noon, yesterday, over the report of the assignment of R. Bertram, which was held to be true. Mr. Bertram is among the oldest merchants of Austin, and for many years did a most flourishing business in the course of which he amassed considerable wealth. The firm of Bertram, Brueggelhoff & Moeller was one of the largest wholesale concerns in Austin. They did business in the building now occupied by THE STATESMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY until burnt out in the early part of 1933. Mr. Bertram had a large estate engaged in business on Lavaca street, in the northern part of the city.

His assignment, as was stated above, in the nature of a complete surprise, as he was thought to be in possession of ample resources to carry on his business. It was said, however, that he never recovered financially from the fire which destroyed his business.

As shown by assignment papers filed in the office of County Clerk, the assets are in round figures \$52,000, liabilities \$50,000. The balance of the Thompson will act as assignee.

The liabilities are distributed as follows: Galveston merchants, some \$2,000; New Orleans, \$2,000; New York and Brooklyn, \$2,500; St. Louis, \$1,000; Chicago, Jersey City, Terre Haute, Philadelphia, Louisville and Austin, \$1,000. The balance of the liabilities (mainly to three banks) amount to \$35,000, mostly secured by deeds of trust on city property. The assets are, as stated, in round figures, including real estate, some \$52,000, cash, \$500, to wit: Real estate above encumbrance, \$14,000; personal effects, \$1,000; merchandise, \$15,000; cash, \$500. The balance of the assets, notes, and open accounts. Mr. Bertram has the respect and sympathy of numerous friends and patrons in his present reverses, and it is stated that he might have weathered through, had he not previously determined to retire from business.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Synopsis of Their Proceedings Yesterday.

The regular term of the Commissioners' Court began yesterday, with all the members present. The presiding, The attention of the Court was directed to petitions for bonds, among them the following: A petition for the revocation of a public road of the second class, beginning on the Manor and Rice Crossing road at the northwest corner of the Mier and son tract and ending at the Manor road. A. Bell, J. B. Darlington, J. N. Evans, Townes Gregg, and A. A. Anderson were appointed a jury to lay out and work the road.

A petition for a road from mouth of lane leading from Giles Burdett's between Dr. Maxwell's and Henry Dickson's to east boundary line of Milligan and Taylor tracts was dismissed.

A second class road from the Swede church on Decker Branch to the Blue Bluff road, between W. Grooms, Temp Norwood, Jno. Maple and Lon C. Hill, appointed a jury to lay out and work the road.

A petition for a road from Baker's store on Gilleland Creek to the Austin and Milgrewville road. T. E. Powell, W. L. Stiles, Jno. Webb, W. Grooms, and H. G. Giles appointed commissioners.

On hearing report of the jury of view the court sustained a public class road from the lower San Antonio road, via Manchaca, to Bear Creek.

STATE DEPARTMENTS.

Pentecostal Matters—Dallas to the Front with Ballroom.

At a meeting of the Pentecostal Board, yesterday, at which the Governor presided, there were present the financial agent and one of the Huntville members, who were transpired was not made public, but the session was rather protracted, and a good deal of discussion was had. It was decided to consider a petition from contractors, looking to a modification of their agreements, and for such accommodation for the full time. At present nothing can be realized from a large amount of manufactured articles.

Some \$25,000 has been drawn from the treasury for the pentecostaries, since the general appropriation act went into effect, which amount is alleged to have gone for delinquent articles. It is without doubt act with considerable circumspection.

The charter of the Dallas & North-western R. R. was filed in the office of the Secretary of State yesterday. The capital stock is put down at \$2,000,000. The projected line is to run from Dallas to Fort Worth, and then to Baylor County, through the counties of Dallas, Tarrant, Denton, Wise, Jack, Montague, Clay, Young, Archer and Baylor. The incorporators are: T. H. Marsalis, J. S. Daugherty, W. H. Simmon, F. M. Cockrell, E. M. Powell, and H. C. Clark.

SOME GOOD SHOOTING.

By Austin Ladies—How the Fair Sex Can Handle a Winchester.

At a meeting of the members of the Capital Rifle Club, some weeks ago, it was decided to offer a gold medal, suitably inscribed, to be competed for by ladies—the wives and daughters of the members.

The first trial for this medal there were eight entries. The distance was 100 yards, and the prize was won by Miss Laura Maeas, who was as follows, out of a possible 35:

- Miss Laura Maeas 31 11 23.
- Miss Anna Petencky, 12 7 11-30.
- Miss Julia Matney, 12 11 23.
- Miss M. Maeas 8 11 10-29.
- Mrs. R. Von Beckman, 6 11 26.
- Mrs. A. Summors, 11 12 24.
- Mrs. L. J. J. 12 22.
- Mrs. J. Petencky, 11 45-20.

The gun used was a Winchester, 32 calibre. The members of the club are justly proud of the membership of the club, and will enter the names of three of the young ladies to compete for the medal to be offered at the state tournament.

STATE AFFAIRS.

Meeting of the Capital Board—In-crease in Taxes.

There was a meeting of the Capital Board yesterday. The object was ostensibly to protect the trees and grounds from the hands of vandals and loose quadrupeds. The syndicate however has, under their contract, the exclusive control of a portion of the grounds of the rest being under the care of Col. Durden, the superintendent of buildings and grounds.

But while this was the alleged object of the session, it is shrewdly surmised that not a little discussion (informally) ensued in regard to the use of the Indiana line stone instead of that hitherto employed. The board no doubt was pleased with the sample shown, and when tested, it found even the claims made in its favor, there is scarcely a doubt of its adoption.

At present no work is going on, but a contract for the superstructure of the building has been let, and the syndicate shows its intention to push forward enterprise at a very early date.

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